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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

Ryota KATO

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2005, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-14 are pending with claims 8-14 allowed.

In paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshida, U.S. Patent No. 6,476,955. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Yoshida is not prior art to Applicant's invention. The instant application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/758,144 filed January 12, 2001. The instant application thus claims benefit from JP 2000-246674 filed August 16, 2000 and from JP 2000-12970 filed January 21, 2000 which is the priority document from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/758,144 of which the instant application is a Continuation-In-Part. Both dates are earlier than the filing date for Yoshida which was September 8, 2000. Thus, Applicant's date of invention precedes the date of Yoshida. Further, Japanese Applications